

Official Proceedings

February 4, 2020

8:00 am

Chairman Kuntz called the meeting of the Stark County Board of Commissioners to order.
All members present.

Agenda

Chairman Kuntz asked for any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Franchuk added National Flood Insurance Rate Plan.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin
To approve the agenda with the change.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Minutes

The January 7, 2020 Board of County Commissioner's meeting minutes were presented.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Franchuk **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin
To approve the January 7, 2020 Board of County Commissioner's meeting minutes as presented.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried

Accounts Payable

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Arthaud
To approve the accounts payable with the supplement as presented.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All vote aye. Motion carried

General: \$1,136,498.09;

10 Mill: \$60,657.77;

County Road: \$196,990.59;

Highway Tax Distribution: \$184,814.50;

Special Road & Bridge: \$38,418.26;

Social Welfare: \$5,121.30;

Capital Improvement: \$753,459.91;

County Jail: \$389,276.64;

VSO Fund: \$13,433.94;

County Agent: \$24,495.46;

Weed Control: \$14,002.45;

9-1-1: \$23,159.74;

Adult Education: \$160.00;

Fingerprint Station: \$3,984.00;

Misc Grants: \$710.06;

SW Victim Witness Program: \$8,563.53;

Preservation Fund: \$20.75;

Siren Contingency: \$3,422.78;

24/7 Fund: \$3,438.86;

Other Reimbursements: \$3,617.59;

BCI-Asset Forfeiture: \$318.96;

Judgement Execution: \$212,419.76;

911 Equipment: \$60.63;

Special Operations: \$110.00;

Sheriff Lee

Sheriff Lee provided his monthly report and reported that the Sheriff's Office has two replacement positions open due to a resignation and retirement and is requesting permission to fill positions.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Elkin **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Franchuk

To approve filling those two positions.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Sheriff Lee also requested authorization to move Deputy Ralph Poikus to the Corporal position vacated by Corporal Fern Moser's retirement. Chairman Kuntz directed Sheriff Lee to work with his portfolio commissioners.

Sheriff Lee requested that retiring Corporal Moser receive his duty weapon. He has 16 plus years full time in the Sheriff's Office and other years as a reserve. Sheriff Lee was directed to review policy and past practice and bring it back to the commission.

Sheriff Lee requested authorization to charge the southwest counties \$50 per transport to court in town and \$150 per hour for over the road transports. Sheriff Lee has discussed this with the Sheriff's from the southwest counties and they are okay with implementing the charges.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Arthaud **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To authorize charging the southwest counties \$50 per transport to court and \$150 per hour for over the road transports.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried.

Lieutenant Eldon Mehrer presented a federal COPS grant application for a School Resource Officer. The grant would allow to have a deputy assigned to certain schools and have the deputy also be involved in the respective community activities. The grant is a 75/25 percent match up to \$125,000 of salary and benefits for a 36 month period. The county would be required to keep the School Resource Officer on for an additional 12 months. Estimated expense to the county for the four years grant period would be \$282,781.00.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Franchuk **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Arthaud

To move ahead with the grant application.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Road Superintendent – Al Heiser

Mr. Heiser reported that an agreement with Marathon is being prepared to address responsibility for crossing of a bridge with big loads, and who should be listed as the responsible signature on the agreement for Stark County. State's Attorney Tom Henning stated that he would like to review the document and that the Chairman would be responsible to sign. Mr. Heiser also reported that the Road Crew is out transferring material again, and if weather holds may start crack sealing soon.

Discussion was held on issues with a 90 degree corner on 115th Ave and 39th Street, which is resulting in drivers going off the road into Glenn Larson's trees. Mr. Heiser believes adding some signage will help the situation.

Weed Control – Travis Jepson

Mr. Jepson reported he has been in contact with the City of Dickinson about creating a weed board to handle the enforcement of noxious weeds within city limits. As of today, the City of Dickinson has decided to not create a weed board, which results in the county having to incorporate the City of Dickinson under the Stark County Weed Control Board. When the Weed Board mill was calculated it did not include the City of Dickinson, if we were to include the City of Dickinson it would cause the county to lose State Landowner Assistance Program (LAP) funding. Auditor Haag was directed to send a formal letter to the City of Dickinson Mayor, Commission members and Administrator inviting them to attend the March 3 County Commissioners meeting for further discussion. Mr. Jepson will extend an invitation to the State Department of Agriculture to attend the meeting also.

Jeremy Wood – Northern Plains

Mr. Wood gave an update on three bridge replacement design projects, one grading project and a street project in Green River Estates. All construction projects are suspended and looking at resolving quantity discrepancies and determining clean up.

Mike Njos – Highland Engineering

Mr. Njos reported on one bridge replacement project and a chip seal coat project, and a culvert replacement design project with bid opening at 9:00 AM this morning.

National Flood Insurance Rate Map Study

Steve Josephson, Planning and Zoning Director/Floodplain Coordinator reported that FEMA has sent the County draft revised flood insurance rate maps. The maps and the draft revised Flood Insurance Study will be set up in the old commissioners room. Elected officials, County staff and interested individuals or organizations in the community will have the opportunity to review and comment on the changes. The draft changes have been sent to the Emergency Management Department, Road Department and Tax Director for comments. FEMA will be scheduling a community meeting in the near future. It will be at least a year before the new maps become effective.

Glenn Larson

Mr. Larson expressed concern with vehicles going off the road into his shelter belt while taking the 90 degree corner on 115th Avenue SW and 39th Street. Mr. Heiser and Sheriff Lee will look into the situation and possibly put up some signage.

Delinquent Properties

Auditor Haag reported that after the delinquent tax sale and properties offered to the respective cities, Stark County has retained ownership of the following properties: City of Dickinson parcel located in Messersmith & Simpsons Addition, City of Richardton parcel located in Original Plat of Richardton, and a ten acre tract in Section 30-140-98. Mr. Heiser was directed to take charge of demolishing the Messersmith & Simpson condemned property.

Bid Opening-199582 10th Avenue East Precast RCB Culvert

The following bids were received for project 10th Avenue East Precast RCB Culvert #199582:

- BEK Consulting, LLC - \$273,573.00
- Baranko Bros Inc. - \$279,506.58
- Central Specialties Incorporated - \$358,420.78
- Edward H. Schwartz Construction, Inc. - \$319,725.40
- Martin Construction, Inc. - \$291,414.34
- Cordova Construction - \$237,882.30

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander

SECOND BY: Commissioner Elkin

To accept the apparent low bid of Cordova Construction in the amount of \$237,882.30 pending the engineer's review and authorize the Chairman's signature.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Social Service Vehicle

Commission Arthaud who serves on the Social Services Zone Board reported that as of now the title for the 2018 Acadia will stay in Stark County's name and we will be responsible for the insurance and cost of the vehicle. Auditor Haag reported that our insurance company was consulted and in order to provide coverage to the Roughrider North Human Service Zone employees Stark County needs to give permission to use the vehicle.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To give permission to the Roughrider North Human Service Zone employees to use the vehicle.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. Commissioner Zander Aye. Commissioner Elkin Aye. Commissioner Arthaud Nay. Commissioner Franchuk Aye. Chairman Kuntz Nay. Motion carried.

Scul

Rod Cockeram gave an update on the Stark County Office Building construction. Zach Mathern with JLG Architects presented pay applications and reported they have put out a RFP for furniture vendors.

Stark County Vector Control

Jerry Mayer presented a request for \$75,000 to make it through the year. Vector Control receives no mills.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To give \$75,000 to Vector Control out of the General Miscellaneous Fund.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Depositories

Auditor Haag presented the following depositories for approval: American Bank Center, Dacotah Bank, Dakota Community Bank, Bremer Bank, Bank of the West, and Western Cooperative Credit Union.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Arthaud **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To approve the depositories as presented.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Radar Service Contract

MOTION BY: Commissioner Zander **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Elkin

To authorize the Chair sign the annual Bowman Radar Service Contract.

DISPOSITION: Roll call vote. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Rhonda Kuntz - PAWS

Ms. Kuntz teacher at Richardton/Taylor requested funding for playground equipment. PAWS has been raising funds for a couple of years and applied for grants. They have received \$21,000 of their \$242,000 goal. Ms. Kuntz was instructed to bring the request to the Stark County Park Board.

BCI – Christopher Kimmerle

Mr. Kimmerle presented an update on the Southwest Narcotics Task Force and what they have accomplished during 2019.

Fairgrounds Update

Lisa Heiser, County Park Director, reported that she met with Schwartz Construction, Martin Construction, Baranko Bros, Hlebechuk Construction and Fisher and they have agreed to level the hill at the Fairgrounds. Equipment is being moved and they have committed to moving 380,000 cubic yards.

The following Miscellaneous Receipts were filed: General: \$101,955.17; County Road: \$111,091.08; Highway Tax Distribution: \$282,278.08; Social Services: \$106,164.12; Capital Improvement: \$305,352.07; Veterans Service Officer: \$23,000.00; E-911 Fund: \$27,251.45; Adult Education: \$290.00; Fingerprint Station: \$230.00; Estimate Tax: \$1,265.00; Victim Witness: \$2,873.09; Preservation Fee: \$1,437.00; State Reimbursements: \$418.32; 24/7 Fund: \$10,700.00; Other Reimbursements: \$8,592.99; Judgement Execution: \$212,419.76; 911 Equipment: \$4,809.23;

MOTION BY: Commissioner Franchuk **SECOND BY:** Commissioner Arthaud
To adjourn the meeting.

DISPOSITION: Motion carried